

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A biodegradable material which contains biodegradable aliphatic polyester at not less than 95 wt % nor more than 99 wt % of a whole weight thereof and has a crosslinked structure in such a way that said biodegradable aliphatic polyester has a gel fraction percentage (gel fraction dried weight/initial dried weight) not less than 75% nor more than 95% to allow said biodegradable material to be heat-resistant.

2. (Original) The biodegradable material according to claim 1, wherein 1.2 to 5 wt % of a monomer having an allyl group is added to 100 wt % of said biodegradable aliphatic polyester.

3. (Original) The biodegradable material according to claim 1, wherein said biodegradable aliphatic polyester is polylactic acid; and said monomer having said allyl group consists of triallyl isocyanurate or triallyl cyanurate.

4. (Currently Amended) The biodegradable material according to claim 1, having a melting point of 150 to 200°C, a tensile strength at a high temperature ~~in the neighborhood of~~ said melting point is 20 to 100 g/mm², and an expansion percentage of 100 to 30%.

5-27. (Cancelled)